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Mr. Robert C. Virgin,  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing you in relation to a letter received from Mrs. Thelma Kimmel, relative to a history and Fort Simcoe presentation to Sunnyside High School students.

If I could contribute something material, I should be most happy to do so, inasmuch as I have been doing extensive research and the material is relative fresh and hence easier to prepare.

I have a speaking date at Wapato on November 16, another in Yakima Nov. 29 and a third in Yakima early in December. It might be wise to select a date in advance of any "adverse" weather that would make travel difficult because of snow or ice.

The best days for me to break away from my work would be Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. And it would be best to make an afternoon appearance, although it could be arranged for the morning were the afternoon to upset the student schedule in any way.

If you wish, please select a couple of tentative dates as above outlined and I will confirm one. I would need several days to prepare my material, in an effort to provide something of genuine interest to the students.

Is the school the Kamiakin? If so, perhaps I could add a bit of something new on that subject.

Inasmuch as these speaking engagements tie into history etc. the newspaper (Yakima Daily Republic) of which I am city editor is glad to be of help where and when we can.

My approach would not be the detailed account to be expected (of Fort Simcoe) but an attempt to show that the happening of something is not as important as what caused it to happen and what has been the result.

The approach of the centennial of the Treaty of 1855 and the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial makes this an ideal time for taking stock.

Sincere regards

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